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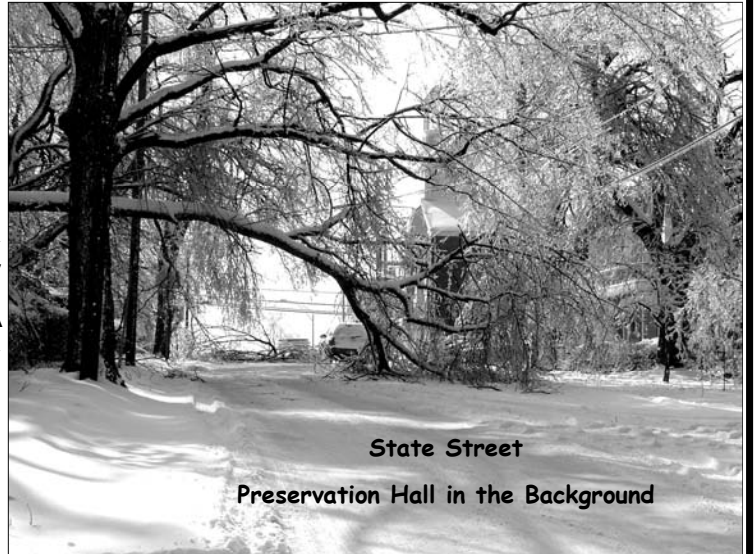
WINTER 2009

Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc

The Town continues to clean up after the January ice storm that downed power lines and trees and challenged the Town utility and street departments. Last week, Warrick County received the Presidential Disaster Declaration which makes certain FEMA funds available to the Town for the recovery effort.

The Town crew worked tirelessly during and after the storm to keep roads passable. Wastewater Treatment Facility personnel

also worked endless hours to keep the sanitary sewer system, plant, and lift stations operational during the extended power outages.



State Street

Preservation Hall in the Background



Storm Debris Pick Up

The week of March 9, Allied Waste will be picking up **yard debris** from the ice storm if it is stacked at the roadside right of way. Debris must be no more than 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter. Do not place the debris in bags or in containers. The Allied trucks will drive through each street in Town **one time only** to pick up the ice storm debris.

Alonzo B. Moore, Street Commissioner
Shari Sherman, Sewer Commissioner

Visible House Numbers = Quicker Emergency Response

Correctly identifying your home by making your house number visible will aid emergency personnel in locating the correct residence when responding to a call. Police Chief Sprinkle reminds all residents to place their house number on their houses. If you have a driveway and your mailbox is on a post by the street, make sure the house number is also either on the mailbox or on the pole. If the entrance to your home is located in an alley or the rear of a home, make sure your house number is placed in a visible area. It would be an excellent idea for these numbers to be reflective for night time viewing. A quick response time is very critical, in any emergency, and especially in a life or death situation.

Bill Kavanaugh, Police Commissioner

Rivertown Trail

Phase I of the Rivertown Trail is finally under construction! Deig Brothers mobilized in late January and expect to have phase I completed by July 2009. Phase I includes two trailheads and the relocation of historic Warrick County Bridge # 264. Over two hundred trees will be planted as a part of this phase. The Rivertown Trail will ultimately span 4.5

Bike Rack \$1500



Benches \$2500



miles from the new Locks & Dam Overlook Park to Angel Mounds State Historic Site where it will connect Newburgh to the Evansville Pigeon Creek Greenway. Bike racks and benches with donation plaques will be placed along the trail and at trailheads. They are now available for purchase. Call Cynthia E. Burger at Town Hall 853.3578.

Eric Ellsperman, Park Commissioner

Census 2010

What is the Census?

- The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.
- The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.
- The next census is in 2010.
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state, and tribal governments each year.

Census Trivia:

In 1790, the first census was taken by U.S. marshals on horseback and counted 3.9 million people. Census 2000 counted more than 281 million people.

2010 Census Timeline: Key Dates:

- **Spring 2009** Census employees go door-to-door to update address lists nationwide.
- **February-March 2010** Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to all households.
- **April 1, 2010** Census Day.
- **April-July 2010** Census takers visit households that did not return questionnaire by mail.
- **December 2010** Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment.
- **March 2010** Census completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

2008 Annual Awards

Outstanding Citizen Awards: individuals who have volunteered their time to help their neighborhoods, clubs, and/or the community in specific ways.

2008 recipients:

Tom Goelzhauser, who donated to the Town for use in Town Hall an original piece of artwork depicting the downtown historic buildings.

Warrick Education Center students, who painted the Newburgh Community Pool buildings and benches.

5 Star Security, who created and donated the LED Christmas tree of lights. Also included as part of the team was Scott Elpers of Custom Sign and Engineering.

Good Neighbor Award: an individual, business, corporation, or group that has made a significant contribution for the good of the entire community.

2008 recipient:

The Veterans Monument Committee. Composed of chairperson Shari Sherman, Michael Brady, Eric Ellsperman, Ken Hughes, David Hynes, Byron Sherman, and Harry Thompson, the committee formulated a dignified, simple design which includes a walkway, a brick and stone plaza, and a triangular monument with engraved bricks to honor veterans of all service branches and from all wars. With the expertise of David Hynes of Commonwealth Engineers and the craftsmanship of Bruce Biggerstaff of Republic Companies, Inc., the monument was designed and constructed as an on-going tribute to all veterans - past, present, and future.

Historic Preservation Initiative

Several months ago, the Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission agreed to take a more proactive role in the Town. The Commission's statutory mission is "to assist in the preservation and protection of historic or architecturally worthy buildings, structures, sites, monuments, streetscapes, squares, and neighborhoods of historic districts created by the Town Council." With the charge being led by Phillip Field, Commission members felt that they should look at ways of enhancing the image of Newburgh for residents and visitors. Working in cooperation with other entities, the HPC could act as an advocate for projects and programs that would positively impact the Town. The group is currently focusing on three specific initiatives - beautification, downtown restrooms, and outreach. The beautification group coordinated by Tonya McGuire will be concentrating on projects such as planters, street signs, sidewalks, billboards, and historic plaques. Caitlin Poe of Historic Newburgh, Inc will be examining the possibility, feasibility, and need for downtown public restrooms. Jeff Cox and the outreach group will explore public forums, educational programs, contests in schools, preservation week programs, and block groups, as well as introducing the town's history to residents and tourists. If you wish to be a part of or have input for any of the these projects, please contact Frank Hijuelos at 853.2728 or email Frank at fhijuelos@newburgh-in.gov, and he will direct you to the appropriate person.

Frank Hijuelos, Director of Planning and Development
Anne Rust Aurand, HPC Council Liaison

Fire Department News

The Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association (NVFA) would like to once again thank our community for the support shown in our very successful 2008 fund drive.

2008 was another busy year for the Newburgh Fire Department. Long time member Randy Loving retired from the department after 32 years of service. Former Fire Chief Greg Augspurger passed away. Our thoughts and prayers will be with his family always.

Mark Grimm celebrated 30 years with the NVFA. Greg Lueken announced he would not be accepting a nomination for another term as department chief, the position he held for five years. His hard work, dedication, and commitment to the community are

greatly appreciated by all. Greg was honored by Council at the annual Town awards ceremony in January.



Chief Lueken and Mark Grimm
with Town Council

Newburgh Officials

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WWTF Superintendent Leon Key

STREET DEPARTMENT

Maintenance Facility 853.6648

POLICE

Emergency only 911 Information 853.1723

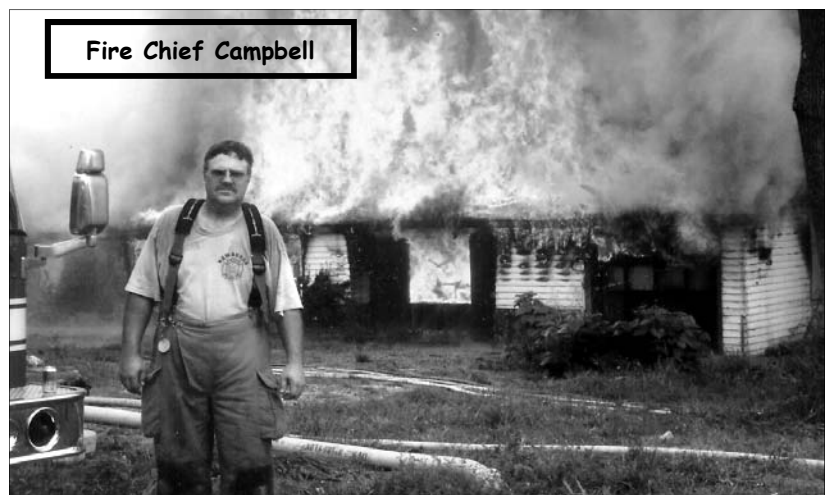
FIRE

Emergency only 911 Information 853.7651

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/MAIN STREET

Historic Newburgh, Inc. 853.2815

On January 14, the NVFA voted to recommend to the Town Council the appointment of Paul Campbell as the new Fire Chief. Action was taken by Council at the February 2 meeting, and Paul was appointed. Paul served eight years in the fire service in New Jersey before moving to Newburgh. He has served on the Newburgh Fire Department since 1991. Paul's willingness to serve in this capacity is greatly appreciated by the community.



Fire Chief Campbell

HOW PREPARED ARE YOU?

You Have Just Been Told To Evacuate Your Home!

- Do you have a pre-designated place to go?
- Can you bring your pet?
- Do you have an emergency contact person who lives outside your area?
- Do you have a **written** plan that includes two meeting places - one outside of your home in case of a fire, and one outside of your area if you cannot get back home?
- Have you taken a First Aid or CPR course?
- Do you have a disaster supply kit that contains **at least** a three day supply of food and water, a battery operated radio, a first aid kit, sanitary supplies, medications and copies of important documents?



What If You Are Trapped Inside Your Home!

- Do you have enough supplies to hold you over until you are rescued?
- Do you have an alternative source of power and heat?
- Do you have a cell phone? Cell phones to call 911 only are available at no cost.

We have just been through an intense ice storm which caused many families to lose power and heat. Many had to leave their homes. We can all use this as a learning experience with the major lesson being, *prepare for the worst*. The Town of Newburgh is firmly committed to doing everything it can to prepare for disasters, but we must all remember that government (federal, state, and local) can only do so much. Ultimately, preparedness begins with you. Who else is more concerned about and takes better care of your family than you? It is easy to put off writing your disaster plan and assembling your disaster kit, but it is imperative that each of us take on a sense of urgency. There are many potential emergencies and disasters such as earthquakes, tornados, wind storms, floods, influenza outbreaks...the list goes on. The best defense for any community is a well prepared citizenry. For more information on disaster preparedness or to receive a free brochure on how to make a plan and assemble a disaster kit, contact Frank Hijuelos at 853.2728 or email fhijuelos@newburgh-in.gov.

Frank Hijuelos

Director of Planning & Development

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Yard Debris Pick Up

For all the citizens within the corporate limits of Newburgh, the Town is contracting with Allied Waste to pick up yard debris from the recent ice storm.

- Pick up will begin Monday, March 9.**
- Allied will make one (1) pass through each street in town.**
- All debris must be placed at the roadside right of way.**
- Debris must be not more than 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter and placed in stacks. Do not place the debris in bags or in containers; that will not be picked up during this special pick up.**
- All debris must be available for pick up March 9.**
- It should take approximately one week to complete the pick up throughout the town.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.
Newburgh Town Council**